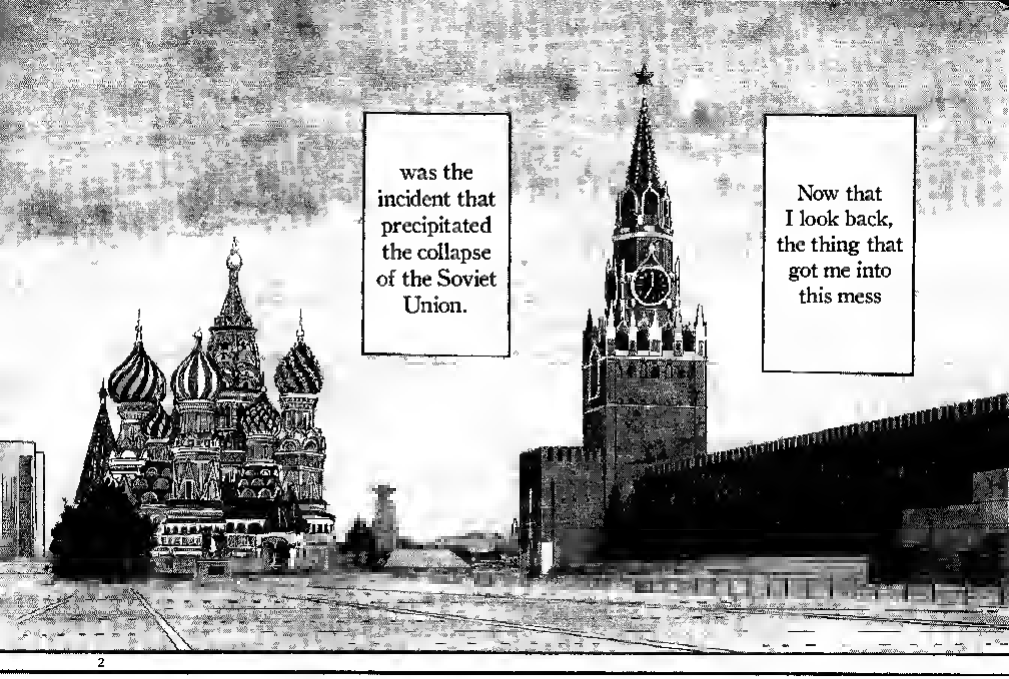
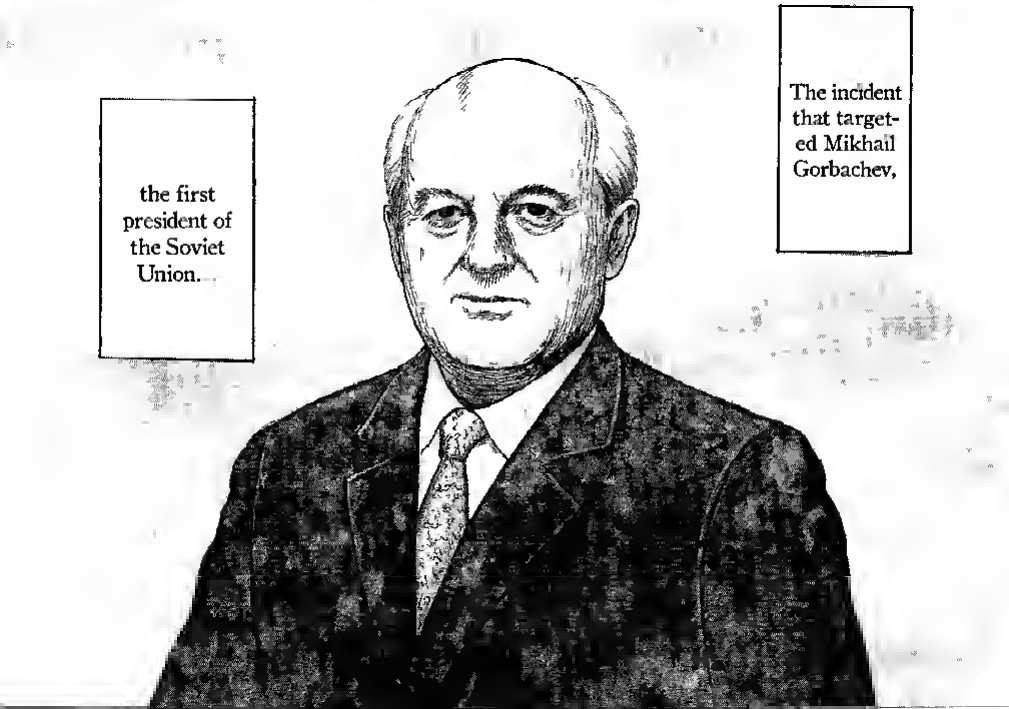
CHAPTER 2: OUTBREAK OF THE COUP


was the incident that precipitated the collapse of the Soviet Union.
Now that I look back, the thing that got me into this mess


the first president of the Soviet Union.
The incident that targeted Mikhail Gorbachev,

THIS IS YUKI.
HELLO.
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ARE YOU THERE, YUKI!? THIS IS OKAWA
A-AMBASSADOR OKAWA! GOOD MORNING!
YUKI, THERE'S BEEN WORD THAT GORBACHEV'S BEEN OVERTHROWN!
HUH?

TURN ON THE TV.
DUE TO HIS POOR HEALTH, MIKHAIL GORBACHEV IS NO LONGER CAPABLE OF FULFILLING HIS DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE USSR...
THE FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT FROM THE GKCHP.
W-WHAT THE...!!
VICE PRESIDENT GENNADY YANAYEV HAS ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE USSR.

A COUP ...
IS THIS A COUP?
I DON'T KNOW.
AND WHAT EXACTLY IS THE GKCHP, ANYWAY?
THAT'S TRUE.
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED TO SEE FACTIONS THAT WANT TO ASSASSINATE HIM.
GORBACHEV IS STARTING TO PROMOTE RAPID RECONCILIATION WITH THE WEST AND MODERNIZATION OF THE STATE.
.....
YOU DON'T THINK THERE'S A CHANCE THAT GORBACHEV'S BEEN ASSASSINATED ALREADY, DO YOU..?
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AS A MATTER OF FACT, NO ONE IN THE WORLD HAS CONFIRMED GORBACHEV'S STATUS.. NOT EVEN THE CIA.
AND IF GORBACHEV IS PURGED, THEN EAST-WEST RELATIONS ARE BACK TO SQUARE ONE.

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YOU HAVE, UH... WELL, LET'S JUST SAY UNIQUE INTELLIGENCE ROUTES IN THE JAPANESE EMBASSY, DON'T YOU?
IT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE.
THE RING-LEADERS MUST BE THE KGB* AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.
DOES THAT SOUND RIGHT TO YOU?
I'LL PAY YOU ANYTHING YOU NEED!!
!
BUT IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO MIGHT BE TIED TO THE CONSPIRATORS...
THANK YOU.
NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT.
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YOU ARE JAPAN'S LAST TRUMP CARD!!
USE WHATEVER CONNECTIONS YOU HAVE TO GET A HOLD OF ACCURATE INFORMATION.

*KGB: COMMITTEE FOR STATE SECURITY. THE SOVIET UNION'S SECRET POLICE. MAINTAINED PUBLIC ORDER AND DID ESPIONAGE WORK.

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OFFICE OF SECOND SECRETARY ILYIN
IS THIS LEONOV? THIS IS YUKI
PUT ME THROUGH TO MR. ILYIN!!
THIS IS ILYIN IS THAT YOU, MAMORU?
MR ILYIN!

...MAMORU, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW, WE SHOULDN'T BE DISCUSSING IT OVER THE PHONE.
LET ME GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.
ARE YOU WITH THE RING-LEADERS BEHIND THIS COUP!?
.....
THEN CAN I SPEAK TO YOU IN PERSON?
EVEN SO, I'D RATHER NOT...
I'M USING A PUBLIC PHONE. NO ONE'S TAPPING THIS LINE
MEET ME AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S SERVICE ENTRANCE AT 1:30 PM!
ALRIGHT

As I waited for our meeting, I was bombarded by all the information and rumors coming at me through the Japanese Embassy.
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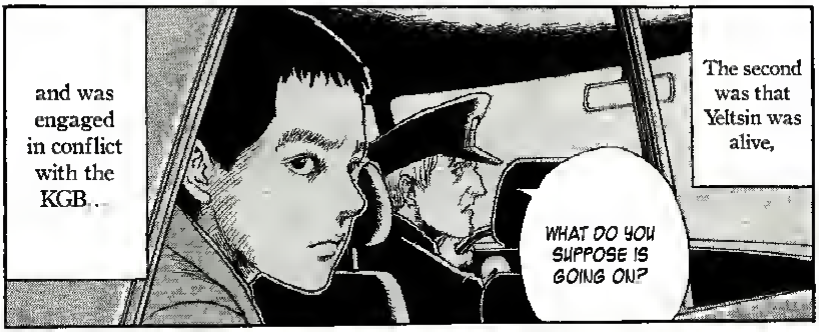
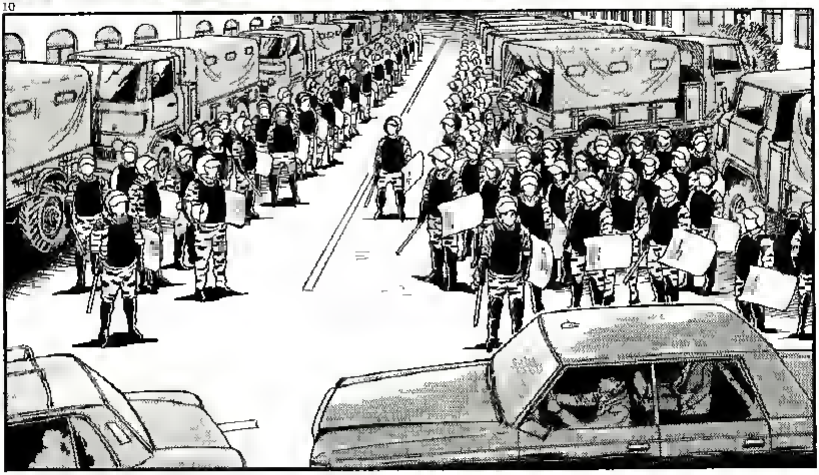
Mayakovsky Square
who was an advocate for liberalism just like Gorbachev, had also been purged...
The first was that Yeltsin, president of the Russian Republic, the largest state in the USSR,
Свобода Ельцину!
Долой ГКЧП!


and was engaged in conflict with the KGB...
The second was that Yeltsin was alive,
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IS GOING ON?



Bolshoi Theater
THIS WILL DO
IT WON'T BE EASY GETTING HOME THROUGH THESE PROTESTS
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO TAKE YOU TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS...?
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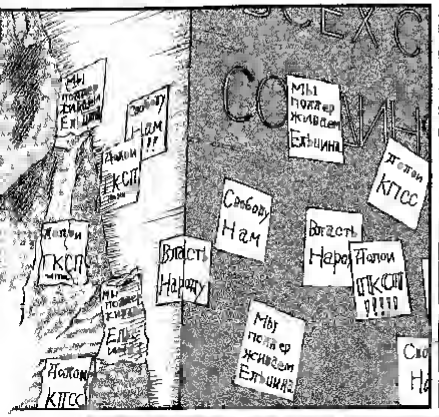
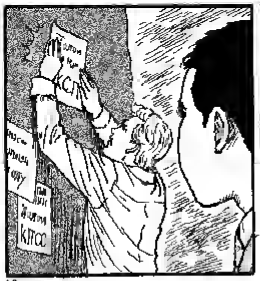
I'LL MAKE IT HOME ON MY OWN.
YEAH. YOU GO BACK TO THE EMBASSY.


Мы
Свобод
Нам
Власть
Народу
КПСС

ПРОЛЕТАРИИ
ВСЕХ СТРАН
СОЕДИНЯЙТЕСЬ!



"DOWN WITH THE GKCHP!"
"SUPPORT YELTSIN!"...
Власть
Свобод
Нам
!!!
"FREEDOM!"
"POWER TO THE PEOPLE!"

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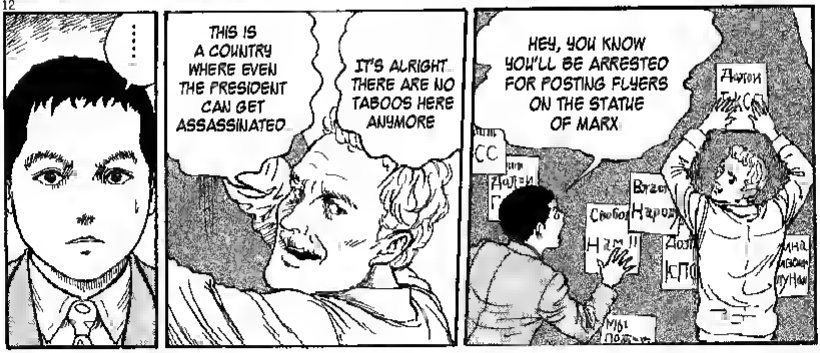
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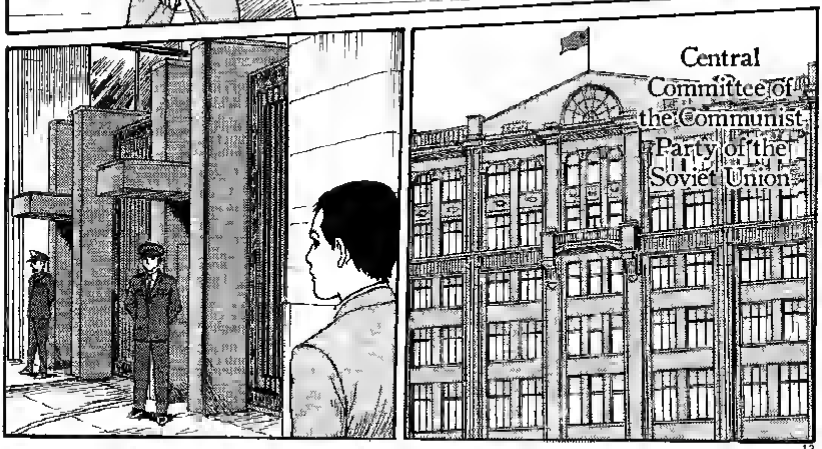
THIS IS A COUNTRY WHERE EVEN THE PRESIDENT CAN GET ASSASSINATED
IT'S ALRIGHT THERE ARE NO TABOOS HERE ANYMORE
HEY, YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE ARRESTED FOR POSTING FLYERS ON THE STATUE OF MARX

Dzerzhinsky Square
(KGB Headquarters)


Central
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Party of the
Soviet Union

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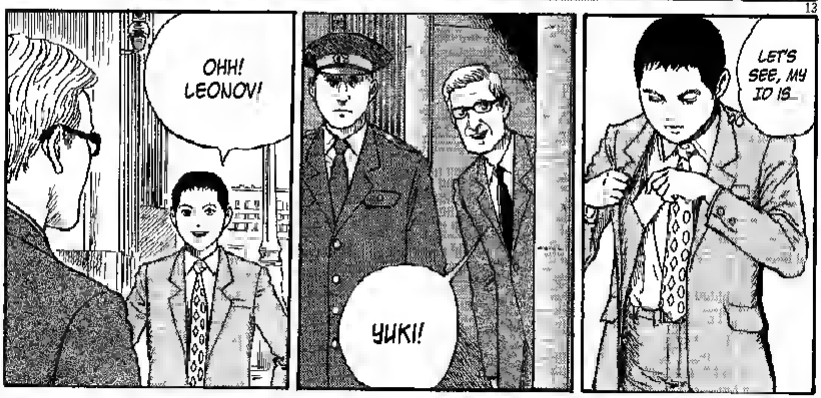
OHH!
LEONOV!
YUKI!
LET'S
SEE, MY
IQ IS...

THANK YOU
SECRETARY ILYIN HAS ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS SPECIAL PASS
GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WON'T LET YOU IN WITH YOUR DIPLOMAT ID ALONE

THIS WAY, YUKI.
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COMRADE ILYIN IS IN A MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY KUPTSOV.
IT'S QUITE A LONG MEETING, AND I'M NOT SURE WHEN IT WILL END.
OH, I DON'T MIND.
I'LL WAIT HERE UNTIL THE MEETING'S OVER.

I'LL TELL HIM THAT YOU'RE HERE, THEN.
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I'LL HAVE A TEA.
WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO DRINK?
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PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, MAMORU.
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MR. ILYIN!

NO RECORDS TODAY, LEONOV.
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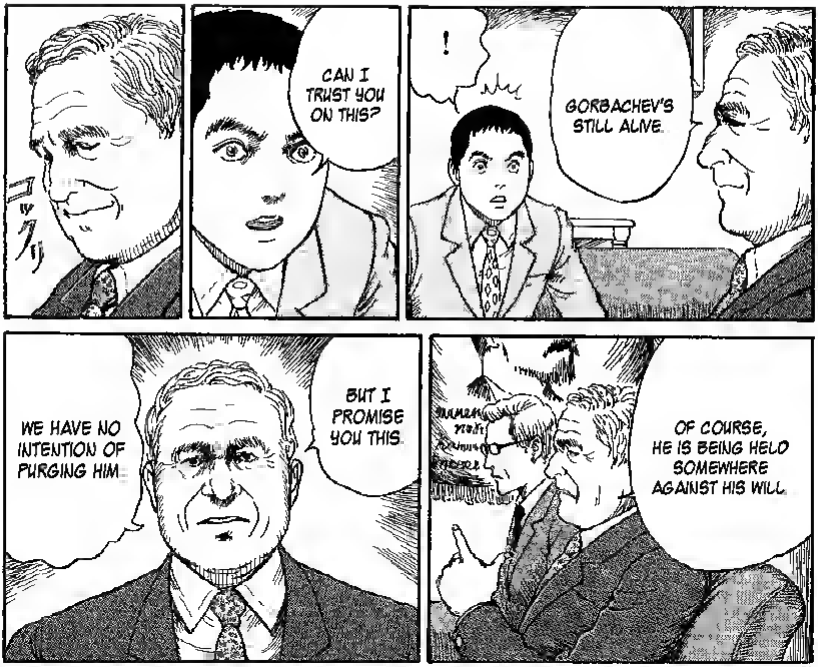
NO, STAY HERE.
I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF, THEN.
That was a signal which meant "This meeting never happened".

ASK ME ANYTHING.
NOW,
This meant that he wanted a witness to this non-existent meeting.
A-ALRIGHT
BUT WE MADE THIS DECISION OUT OF OUR LOVE FOR THE SOVIET UNION
YOU'RE FREE TO THINK OF THIS HOWEVER YOU LIKE,
IS THIS A COUP?
.....
ALIVE?
IS GOR-BACHEV..
YOU KILLED HIM, THEN?
PHEW...

.....
THE OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS THAT GORBACHEV IS UNABLE TO CARRY ON HIS DUTIES DUE TO HEALTH CONDITIONS. IS HE AT LEAST CONSCIOUS?
LET ME CHANGE THE QUESTION.
!?
RADI-CULIT.
RADI-CULIT.
WHAT'S HIS DIAGNOSIS?
A SLIPPED DISC!?
A-
YOU'VE GOT ME.


CAN I TRUST YOU ON THIS?
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GORBACHEV'S STILL ALIVE.
BUT I PROMISE YOU THIS.
WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF PURGING HIM.
OF COURSE, HE IS BEING HELD SOMEWHERE AGAINST HIS WILL.

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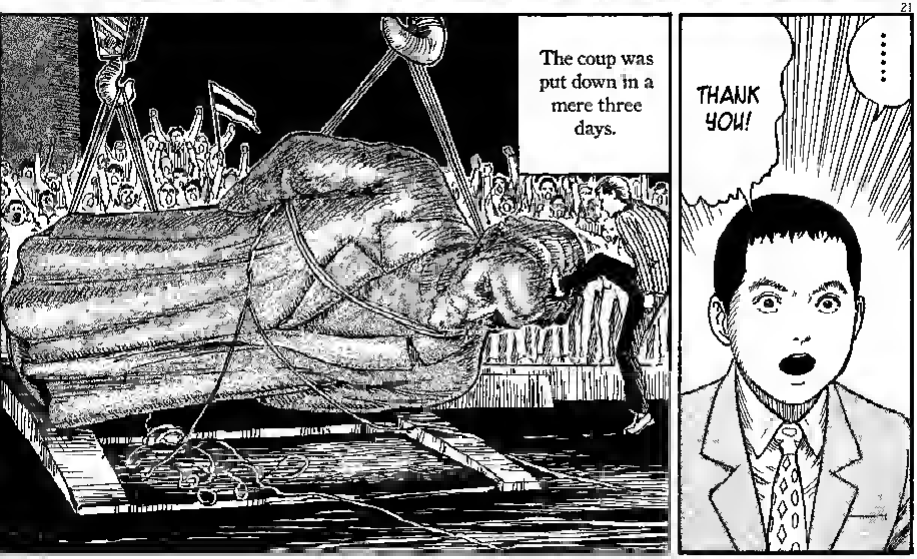
The coup was put down in a mere three days.
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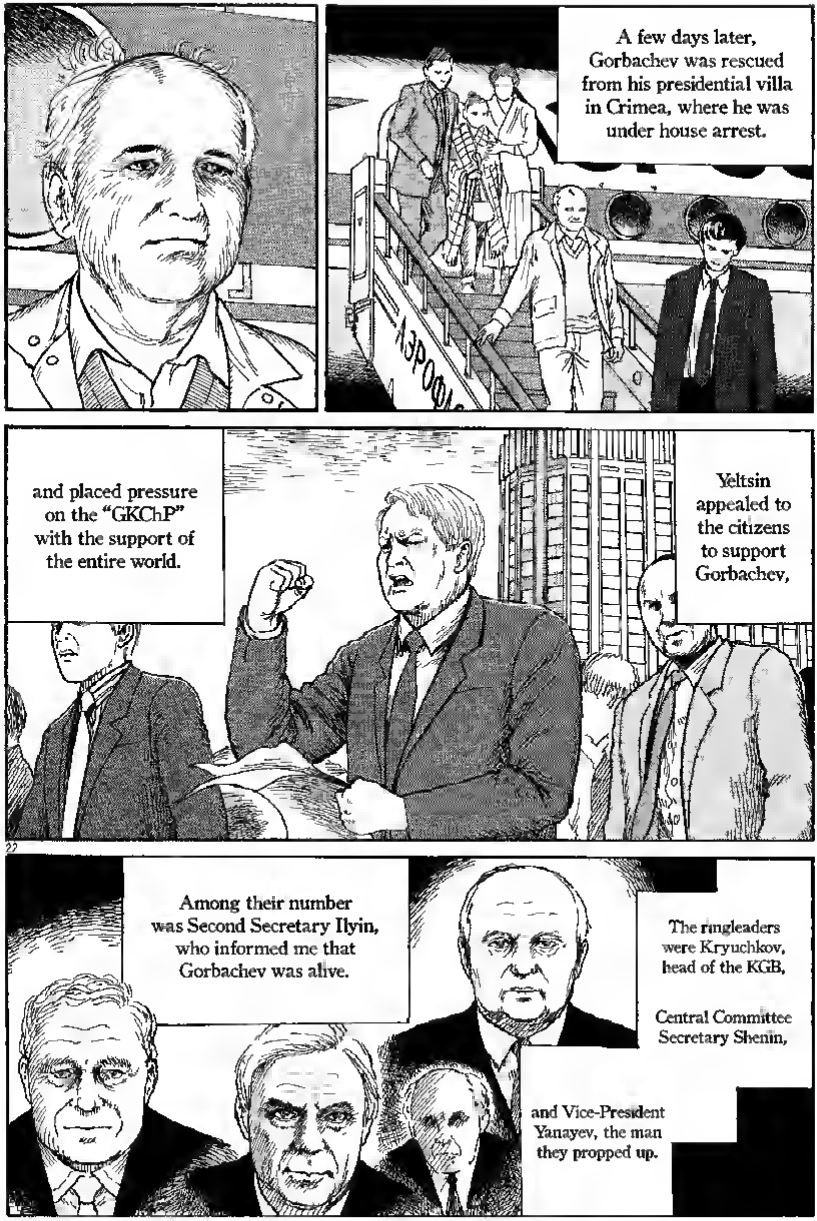
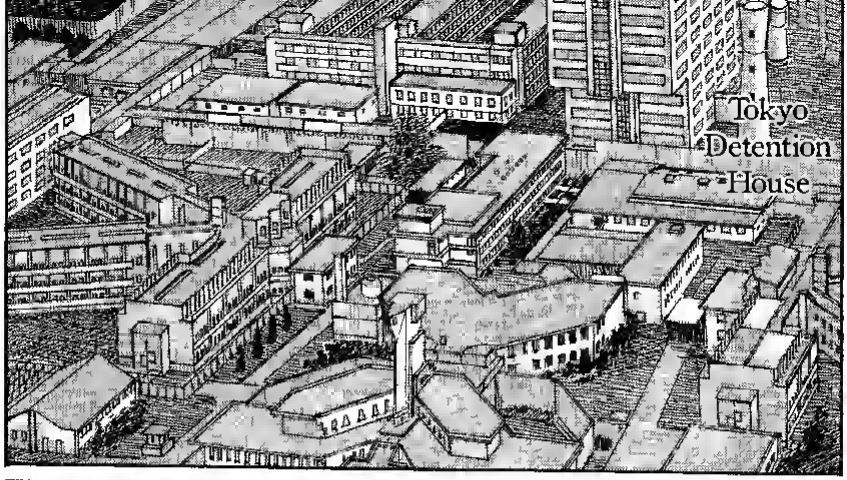
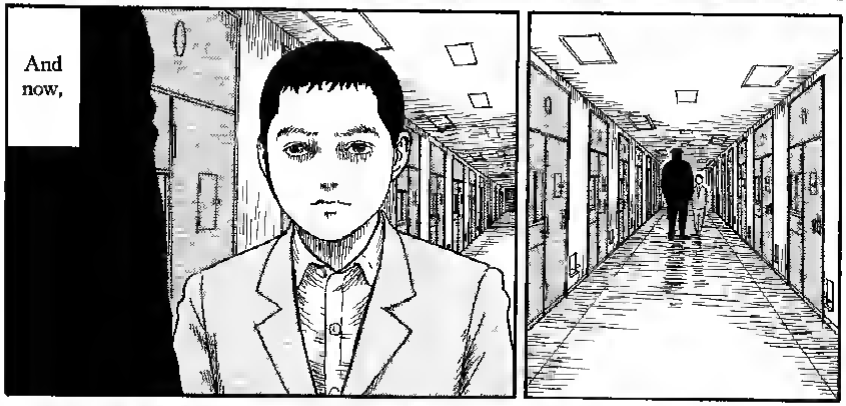
THANK YOU!


A few days later, Gorbachev was rescued from his presidential villa in Crimea, where he was under house arrest.
and placed pressure on the "GKChP" with the support of the entire world.
Yeltsin appealed to the citizens to support Gorbachev,
Among their number was Second Secretary Ilyin, who informed me that Gorbachev was alive.
The ringleaders were Kryuchkov, head of the KGB,
Central Committee Secretary Shenin,
and Vice-President Yanayev, the man they propped up.


Tokyo
Detention
House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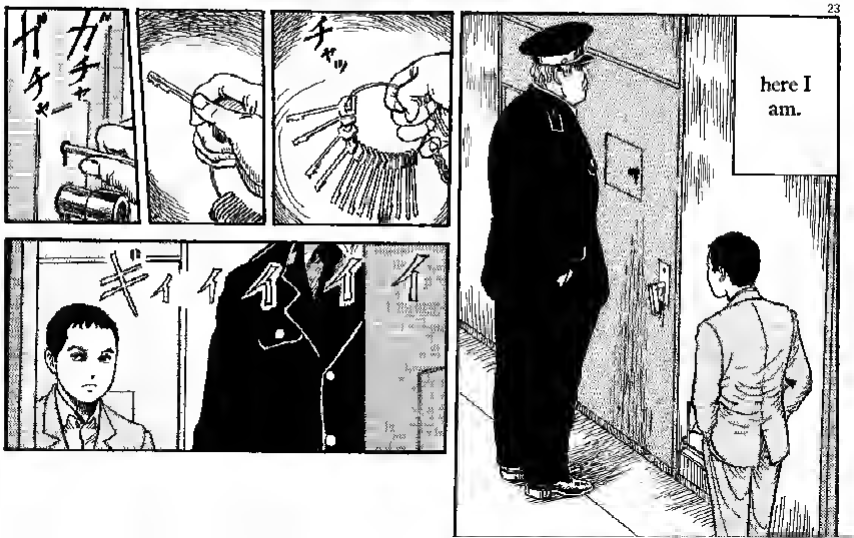
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here I
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IS THIS YOUR SO-CALLED ROTTEN PRISON FOOD?

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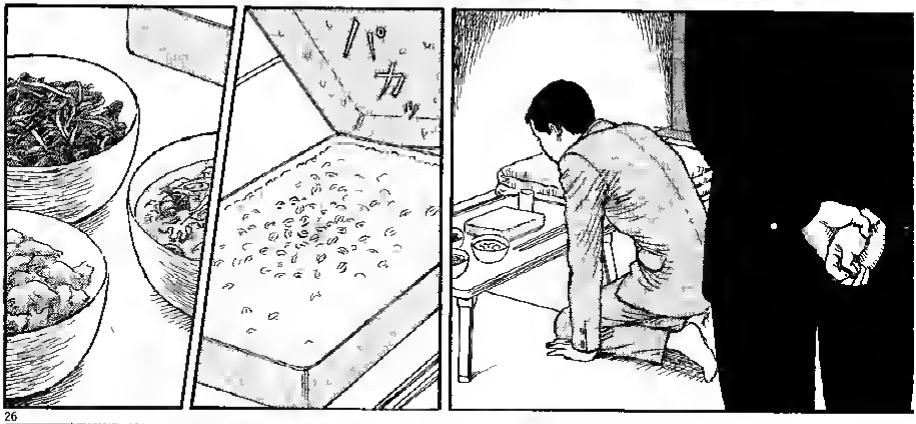
SORRY IT'S A LITTLE BIT COLD NOW.
SO YOU'D BETTER EAT UP
THEY SAY YOU CAN'T FIGHT ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, DON'T THEY?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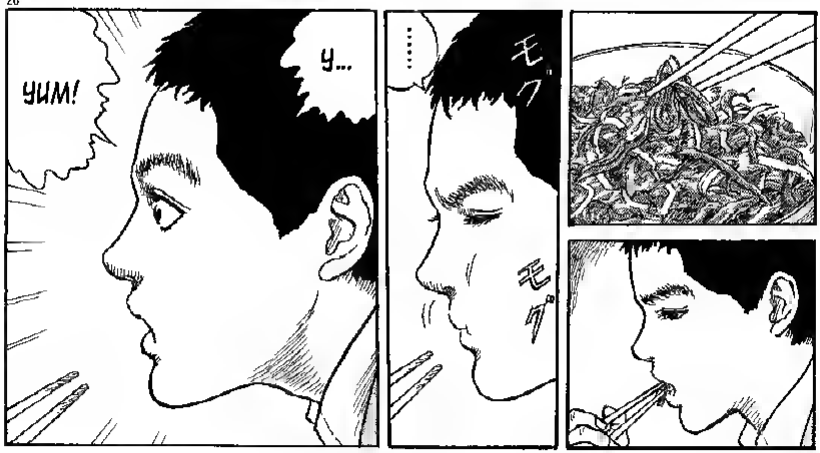
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T-THIS IS DELICIOUS!
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YOU'LL BE IN HERE FOR A LONG, LONG TIME.
IF YOU KEEP UP THAT ATTITUDE,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 1991
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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GORBACHEV REALLY ISN'T DEAD?
Office of the Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs
IS THAT TRUE!?
YES, MR. TSUZUKI WE'VE JUST RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.
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.....
BUT IT'S OUR COUNTRY, WHICH DOESN'T EVEN KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT INTELLIGENCE...
NOT EVEN THE CIA OR ANY EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAS THIS INFORMATION...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

THAT MEANS HE'S NON-CAREER!
HE'S A THIRD SECRETARY!?
THIS DIPLOMAT WHO SENT US THIS TELEGRAM..
YES. HE'S A LITTLE BIT ODD, BUT HE HAS A HIGH REPUTATION WITHIN THE MINISTRY..
I GUESS WE HAVE QUITE THE CHARACTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
YUKI MAMORU.. I'LL REMEMBER THAT NAME.
Y-YES, SIR!
PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO AMERICA AT ONCE!
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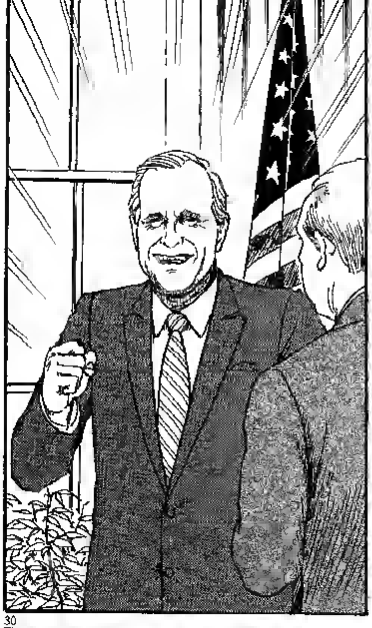

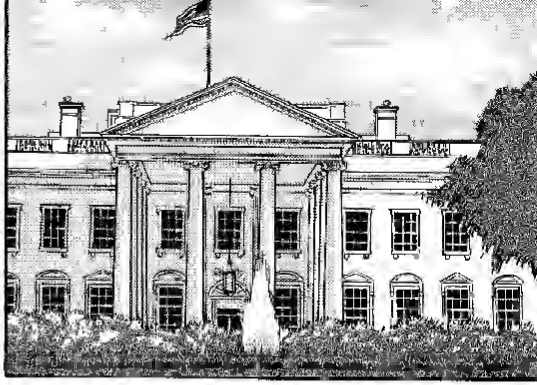

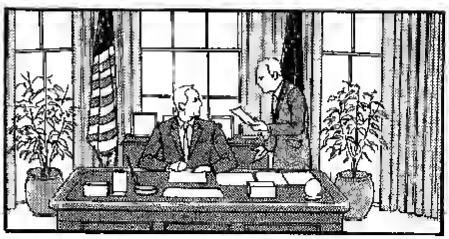

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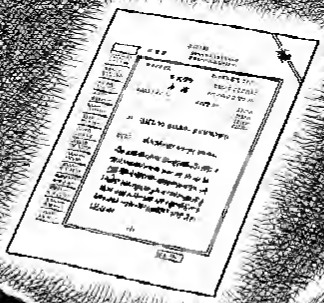
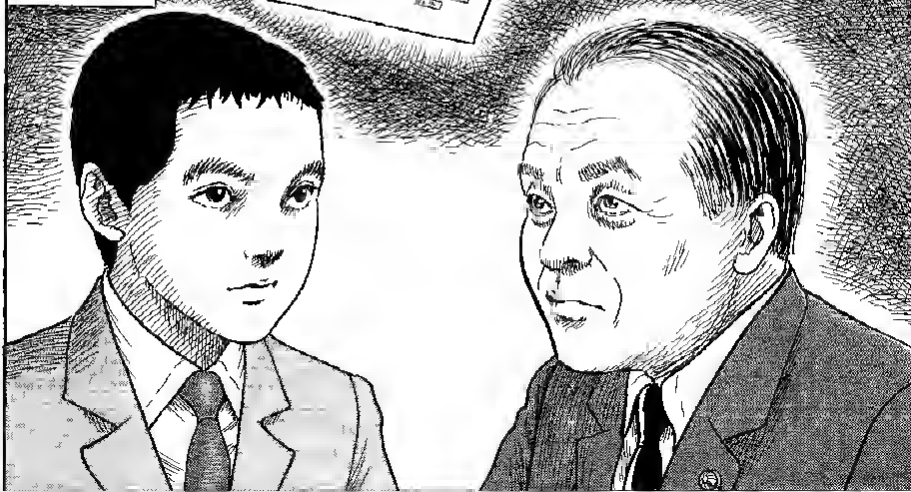
would be what led me to Tsuzuki Mineo

and eventually become the impetus for this incident.



This information I got a hold of, which made the sitting American president George H.W. Bush say "Wonderfull"



RASPUTIN THE PATRIOT

PRESENTED BY HOKUTO NO GUN AND HAPPY SCANS

CHAPTER 2

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